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CONSTITUTION.

ART. I. This body shall be called the "Chicago Baptist Association," and shall be composed of such Baptist churches, enjoying the fellowship of their sister churches, as may voluntarily associate themselves together under this Constitution. The Messengers of the churches annually elected to represent them in the meeting of the Association, shall be entitled each to an equal voice in its deliberations.

ART. II. This Association shall meet annually on the second Wednesday in June, at 10½ o'clock, a. m., and continue in session at least two days. Semi-annual or quarterly meetings may be held at the discretion of the body.

ART III. At each annual meeting, after public worship, a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be elected, who shall hold their offices respectively until a new election.

The Moderator shall preside and maintain order at the meetings of the Association.

The Clerk shall keep a fair and impartial record of the proceedings of the Association, and conduct its correspondence.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys sent to the Association, keep an accurate account of the same, and the objects for which they are designated, and pay them out by the direction of the body. He shall make a report of the state of the treasury before the close of each session.

ART. IV. This Association is neither a legislative nor judicial body. It is simply a meeting by delegates of independent Baptist churches, on equal and common grounds—that they may know each other's state, that by Christian intercourse and communion in worship, their mutual fellowship may be strengthened, and that by combined labors they may strive to promote the cause of truth and righteousness in the world. Recognizing that Jesus Christ is the sole Lawgiver and Judge in Zion, it leaves to the churches severally the management of their own discipline, and the responsibility of giving or withholding their own fellowship.

ART. V. Any Baptist church applying by letter or Messengers for admission to this Association, and furnishing satisfactory evidence that it has received, and still maintains, the fellowship of its sister churches, shall be eligible to a place in the body. But no church shall be retained in the body after satisfactory evidence has been furnished that the fellowship of its sister churches has been withdrawn.

ART. VI. Each church embraced in this Association, annually representing itself by letter or messengers, reporting by them its increase or diminution, and generally whatever relates to its peace and prosperity, shall be entitled, according to the amount of money sent, to its proportion of the printed Minutes. Any church belonging to this Association and neglecting to report itself for two successive years, shall be dropped from the Minutes.

ART. VII. It is at the discretion of the Association, to offer the churches composing it, by circulars, resolutions, or committees, such suggestions in relation to the claims of the cause of God as they may deem suitable and proper. These suggestions, however, are in all cases to be regarded as merely advisory.

ART. VIII. This Constitution may be altered at any annual meeting by a majority of the members in attendance.

BY-LAWS.

1. At every sitting business shall be opened and closed with prayer, by the Moderator, or whomsoever he may select.

2. Visiting brethren present, invited to a seat with us, may debate on all subjects but vote on none.

3. No member of the Association shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

4. No subject shall be discussed without a motion being first made and seconded.

5. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, unless so ordered at the time.

6. Arrangements for the next Association shall not be attended to on the first day of the session.

7. On the opening of business the second day, the roll of the messengers commissioned by the churches shall be called, and the names of those who have not arrived shall be stricken off. Nevertheless ministers and licentiates shall be inserted with the mark of absence.

8. The reading of the Minutes shall always be the first business in order after the opening services of each session.

9. Motion to lay upon the table, to indefinitely postpone, for the previous question, and for adjournment, shall always be in order.

MINUTES

OF THE

Chicago Baptist Association.

MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, June 12, 1872.

At 10½ o'clock a. m., Dr. C. R. Blackall, Moderator for the last year, called the Association to order.

Voluntary by the choir.

Invocation, by Rev. H. Burchard.

Singing by choir of the hymn commencing,—

"Before Jehovah's awful throne."

Reading of the Scriptures, by Rev. A Blackburn.

Prayer, by Rev. A. J. Colby.

Singing, Hymn 454.

Introductory Sermon, by Rev. R. A. Shadick. Text, Deuteronomy 12 ch. part of the 23d verse,—

"The blood is the life."

The Association organized by the appointment of Dr. C. R. Blackall for Moderator, R. W. Padelford for Clerk, and H. M. Clark for Treasurer.

The letter from the Elgin church was read.

The Committee appointed at the last session for the arrangement of business for this session, reported.—See Appendix.

Singing by the choir.

Bro. Wm. Lawrence was requested to lead the devotional exercises at 1½ o'clock this p. m.

Benediction by Rev. J. Fulton, of Belvidere.

Adjourned until 1½ o'clock p. m.

Afternoon Session.

Wednesday, June 12, 1872.

Met pursuant to adjournment at 1½ o'clock.

Devotional services conducted by Bro. William Lawrence, of Chicago, until 2 o'clock, at which time the business of the Association was resumed.

On motion,

Resolved, That visiting brethren be and hereby are invited to seats with the Association.

The following brethren presented their names :

Rev. A. A. Russell, of Dixon Association.
" J. Fulton, of Rock River "
" Henry C. Mabie, of Rock River Association.
" Wm. Green, of Ottawa Association.
" C. H, Richardson, of Wayne, Mich., Association.
" R. A. Shadick, of Rock River Association.
" D. L. Clouse, of Fox River "
Dea. O. Wilson, of Linn, Iowa, "
Rev. I. N. Hobart, of Fox River "
" Thos. T. Potter, of " " "

The following brethren were appointed a Committee on the reception of new churches:

Rev. H. Burchard, Rev. S. S. Fisk, Bro. Wm. Lawrence.

The reading of the letters from the churches was called for and proceeded with, which furnished the following statistical results:

CHURCHES.	When Constituted.	Baptized.	Letter.	Experience and Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded and Dropped.	Died.	Present Number.	Church Expenses.	S. S. and Church Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Bible and Pub. Society.	Ministerial Education.	State S. School Work.	Other Objects.	Ladies Missionary Circle.	Minutes.	Total.
Antioch,	1856	6	2	3	3	..	1	37	210 00	20 96	5 71	1 40	.....	.....	.....	64 50	.....	1 25	303 82
Austin,†	1871	6	12	3	1	..	..	35	774 30	42 50	32 50	5 00	.....	.....	....	6 62	.....	2 00	862 92
Barrington,	1848	9	15	1	5	6	3	108	1225 00	50 00	16 89	3 13	....	81 00	.....	50 00	.....	3 96	1429 98
Benton,	1841	..	1	..	..	..	1	52	400 00	.....	27 00	7 00	6 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	442 30
Bloomingdale,	1841	..	2	..	7	..	..	93	730 00	33 70	56 00	.....	.....	16 00	.....	26 00	.....	3 00	864 70
Crystal Lake,	1839	..	3	2	2	1	1	40	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 25	101 25
Dundee,	....	23	...	..	6	..	..	172	1181 00	.....	50 45	61 70	.....	60 00	.....	.....	.....	3 17	1353 15
DeKalb,	1855	..	4	..	6	..	..	84	150 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	152 00
Elgin,	1838	36	10	3	9	10	11	280	3150 00	289 00	101 50	112 00	30 60	400 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	4092 50
Greenwood,	1847	..	2	..	5	..	..	63	3460 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	.....	2 00	3492 00
Huntley Grove,	....	..	...	1	3	..	..	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 20	1 20
Harvard,	1870	..	...	..	...	..	..	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	75
Malta,	1865	..	...	..	...	..	..	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	75
Newport,	1868	..	3	1	...	1	..	58	.....	.....	32 53	.....	8 58	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 60	42 69
Norwood Park,	1867	4	6	1	4	1	..	30	510 00	60 00	5 00	5 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	585 00
Richmond,	....	1	3	..	2	1	..	48	800 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	802 00
St, Charles	1835	10	1	2	4	..	..	127	1125 00	.....	167 00	32 00	.....	.....	.....	14 50	.....	3 00	1341 50
Second Chicago,	1843	40	68	6	71	4	11	1168	11360 15	3302 78	1000 00	1181 63	.....	1018 50	.....	6132 56	2650 00	40 00	26685 62
South Chicago,	1867	1	4	..	...	5	1	35	1350 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	1351 50
Waukegan,	1846	1	...	..	8	1	1	106	1150 00	16 10	68 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	3 00	1257 10
Woodstock,	....	12	4	4	5	4	..	114	1350 00	.....	100 00	52 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	1504 50
Wauconda,	1849	2	1	..	1	..	..	65	300 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	360 00	.....	37 00	.....	1 50	701 50
Wheaton,	1864	9	6	2	6	3	..	59	898 06	.....	5 00	6 14	15 60	16 00	1 50	350 50	.....	2 00	1319 20
Wayne,	1871	8	...	2	2		..	25	175 00	.....	11 00	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	187 50
		168	146	31	150	37	30	2874	28217 26	3815 04	1682 08	1467 00	63 88	1951 50	1 50	7033 68	2650 00	91 43	58888 43

† Received this session.

Churches.	Clerks.	Delegates.
Antioch,.....	G. W. Hall,.....	Rev. N. F. Hoyt, Rev. R. Gilbert, George Hall.
Austin,†.....	Edwin S. Osgood, ...	Rev. A. Blackburn, E. S. Osgood, Sisters M. E. Blackburn, L. A. Osgood, S. A. Hitchcock, S. A. Maynard.
Barrington,.....	D. S. Morgan,...	Rev. L. A. Alford, D. D., Brn. Rose, Hendrixson, Morgan, Hill, Jilson, Stevens, Peat, Leonard, Gottrard, and Sisters Alford, Stephens, Leonard, VanGarder, Johnson, Dodge, Gottrard, Messer, Howarth, Hill, Rose, Gilson and Hendrixson.
Benton, ...	C. E. Howe, ...	Rev. R. G. Hall,
Bloomingdale,...	A A. Ingraham,.....	Rev. E. N. Archibald, Brn. Albert Kinne, Datus Ellis, A. A. Ingraham, W. Northrup and Mrs. D. Ellis.
Crystal Lake,. ..	A. V. Buck,.....	Rev. J. B. Peat, A, Thompson, E. Pease, S. Buck, Sisters H. S. Thompson, C. A. Pease, and Amelia Buck.
Dundee, ...	A. F. Chapman,.....	Brn. R R. Woodward, L. W. Mann, E L. Bishop, G. H. Peck, C. F. Hall, A. F. Chapman, Sisters Woodward, Mann, Bishop, Peck and Hall.
DeKalb, ...	W. B. King, ...	Rev. L. B. King,* Sisters Porter and Helmer.
Elgin,.....	R. W. Padelford,.....	Rev. W. P. Everett,* R. W. Padelford, A. D. Gifford, J. J. Knott, H. Gifford, W. F. Sylla, D. Hannis, L. Beverly, M. McNeil, A. Smith, W. H. Batchelor, G. W. Lessenden, and H. McDougal.
Greenwood, ...	A. E Baldwin,.....	Rev. R. R. Whittier, O. P. Cheesbro, Sister G. L. Baker.
Huntley Grove...	H. B. Brown,.....	Rev. C. S. Dunning, I. T. Mason, H. B. Brown, Sisters Mason and Brown.
Harvard,.....	L. Lockwood,.....	No Delegates.
Malta, ...	Ira Blackman,.....	Bro. Raymond Rolf, Sisters Casey and Julia Francisco.
Newport,.	H. C. Biddlecom, ...	Rev. R. G. Hall, and Br. G. G. Forris.
Norwood Park,..	E. S. Fox, ...	J. L. Jackson, James Pennoyer, E, S. Fox.
Richmond,.....	J. Robinson,.....	Rev. L. G. Catchpole, Brn. Briggs Thomas, Charles Dickinson, Sisters Thomas, Dickinson, Fuller & J. Robinson.
St. Charles,.....	John Goodman,.....	Rev. S. S. Fisk, James Hultz, H. M. Clark, G. Bentley, J. Goodman, Sisters Hunt and N. A. Hale, J. Hale, Sarah Hale, Hattie Hale, J. Goodman, Mrs. Bentley, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Fisk, and Mrs. Wheeler.
Second Chicago,.	L. J. Swift,...	Rev. E. J. Goodspeed,* Rev. T. W. Goodspeed, C, R. Blackall, Charles Carroll,* G. V. Orton,* George W. Need,* W. Lawrence, Samuel Skemp, Daniel Gano, J. Rea, Wm. H. Holden, B. M. Baker, C. N. Holden, Chas. Osgood, S. S. Nutting, L J. Swift, Wm. Sherrard, Mrs. E, J. Goodspeed, Mrs. S. Blackall, Mrs. W. Lawrence, Mrs S. Skemp, Mrs. Lizzie Akin, Mrs. D. Dean, Mrs. J. A. Nourse, Mrs. A. Salisbury, Mrs. F. K. Tracy, Mrs. A. Snider, Mrs. E. Osgood, Miss Sarah Guest, and Miss Fanny Goodspeed.
South Chicago, ..	John Reese,.....	Rev. Robert Williams, John Skemp, and John Long.
Waukegan, ...	C. H. Fox,.....	C. C. Smith, C. J. Rucker, and Sisters Sarah Earl, J. J. Hall.
Woodstock,.....	R. T. Eggleston, ...	Rev. Horace Burchard, Br. Baldwin, John Wainwright, Mrs. Edwin Bird, and Misses Grace Baldwin, Nellie Wainwright, and Nellie Durfee.
Wauconda, ...	A. I. Kucker,.....	Rev. John L. Brooks, Brn. Walter Winch, M. S. Hill, H. Werder, A. Landurer, and Sister Lucy Freeman.
Wheaton,.....	John Sutcliffe,.....	Rev. A. J. Colby, Br. C. Muzzy, H. Garlick, John Sutcliffe, Sisters Muzzy, Garlick, Kelley, Comfort & Austin.
Wayne,.....	Thos. W. Leake, ...	Rev. E. N. Archibald, Br. Thos. Muir, Thos. Leake, J. Bentley, R. Leake, and Sister A. Gorham.

Names marked with a * not present. Licentiates in small capitals. † Received into the Association at this session.

On motion, the Liberty church, not having reported themselves for two years, were dropped from the Minutes.

The Committee on the reception of churches to the Association, report that they have examined the Articles of Faith of the Austin Baptist church, and recommend that they be received.

The letter of the Austin church was read, and on motion, the report of the Committee was adopted.

The hand of fellowship was extended to the Pastor of the church, Rev. A. Blackburn, by the Moderator.

Rev. S. S. Fisk, of St. Charles, made remarks in reference to a suggestion in their S. School letter, in regard to the establishing of a Baptist church at Geneva, the County Seat of Kane county. Bro. Hultz also made some remarks relating to the same interest.

Bro. Osgood and Rev. A. Blackburn, of Austin, made an appeal for aid to assist in building a church edifice in Austin.

Rev. H. Burchard spoke of the Norwood Park church. Rev. T. W. Goodspeed remarked in reference to matters *contained* and *omitted* in the letters from the churches.

On motion of Rev. Mr. A. J. Colby,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed on Resolutions:

The following brethren were appointed said Committee:

Rev. A. J. Colby, Bro. Samuel Skemp, and Bro. J. Sutcliffe.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee to recommend a place in which to hold the next annual session of the Association, to-wit:

Rev. J. Fulton, Bro. C. N. Holden and Rev. A. Blackburn.

Prayer was offered by Rev. R. R. Whittier, and the Association adjourned until 7¾ o'clock p. m.

Evening Session.

Met pursuant to adjournment at 7:45, and listened to a sermon from Rev. T. W. Goodspeed, on "Ministerial Education." Text, Luke, 10th chapter, 2d verse.

Rev. I. N. Hobart and Rev. Dr. S. Tucker assisted in the opening services.

Rev. Chas. Button and the Moderator addressed the Association on the subject of Ministerial Education.

The Committee of Arrangements suggest that a change in the order of business for to-morrow be made as follows: Devotional exercises to be had from 8 o'clock until 8:30. At 8:30, business of the Association until 9 o'clock, at which time a recess will be taken until 10:45 a. m. for the purpose of visiting the Insane Asylum. Meet at 10:45 to listen to a doctrinal sermon by Rev. Dr. Alford, after which representatives of the Foreign Missions, Home Mission, Bible and Publication Societies will be heard until 12 o'clock, at which time the Association will adjourn for a visit to the "National Watch Factory." Convene at 2 o'clock p. m. for the transaction of any remaining business, and adjourn finally at 3:45 p. m.

On motion, the programme for the business of to-morrow was adopted.

After singing by the choir, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. S. Tucker.

Adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Thursday Morning.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment at 8 o'clock.

Devotional exercises led by the Moderator.

The minutes of the session to this morning read and approved.

The list of delegates was read, corrected and approved.

The Committee on the place of holding the next session, report recommending that the next session of

this Association be held with the Second Baptist Church of Chicago.

On motion, the Report was adopted.

The Committee appointed at the last session to report on the propriety of changing the name of this Association, had no report to make. On motion, the Committee were discharged.

The Moderator announced the names of the following brethren as a Committee of Arrangements for the next session, to-wit:

Rev. T. W. Goodspeed, Rev. C. C. Smith and Bro. E. S. Osgood.

The Committee on Resolutions report as follows:

WHEREAS, In view of the wide-spread and growing evil of intemperance in our State and in our midst, and of the fact that all former and present laws of our State and towns have proved insufficient to stay the evil of intemperance or to regulate the sale of intoxicating liquors;

AND WHEREAS, Our Legislature in their last session did enact a law which has been long needed;

AND WHEREAS, It is to us a known fact that the intemperate and the liquor venders are doing what they can, and will likely continue to do all in their power to repeal and otherwise make void that law.

AND WHEREAS, We deem it a duty for all Temperance men and women, and especially for all Christians, to meet them in defence of the cause of Temperance, therefore

Resolved, That we, as an Association, heartily endorse the recent action of our legislators in enacting the liquor law which is to come into force on the first of July next, and that we recommend the members of all our churches to aid in its rigid enforcement.

All of which your Committee on Resolutions would respectfully submit.

A. J. COLBY,
JOHN SUTCLIFF.

On motion, the Report as above was adopted unanimously.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Clerk receive twenty dollars for his services in superintending the printing of the Minutes of this Session.

On motion, Bro. Wm. Lawrence was appointed Director from this body to the Board of the General Association.

A verbal report from the Treasurer was made that the amount of money received for printing Minutes is $95.22.

On motion, the Report was accepted.

The Committee on Arrangements for the next session of this body, report as follows:

1st, That Rev. Horace Burchard preach the opening sermon, and Rev. Alexander Blackburn be his alternate.

2d, That during the meeting of the Association, Rev. Bro. T. F. Borchers preach a doctrinal sermon and that Rev. S. S. Fisk be his alternate.

3d, That the Sunday School Convention meet at 2 o'clock p.m., on the Tuesday preceding the meeting of the Association.

T. W. Goodspeed,
C. C. Smith,
E. S. Osgood.

On motion, the Report was accepted and adopted.

Rev. I. N. Hobart stated to the Association that Rev. Jonas Woodward, formerly a member of this Association, was lying very sick at Dundee, and suggested that he be remembered in the prayers of the members of this body.

Bro. Wm. Lawrence by request led in prayer for Bro. Woodward and family.

The Association was addressed by Rev. I. N. Hobart in behalf of the Home Mission Society.

On motion,

Resolved, That we now take a recess for the purpose of visiting the Northern Illinois Hospital and Asylum for the Insane.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, June 13th, 1 o'clock.

The Association was called to order, and about ten minutes were expended in prayer.

After which the minutes of the forenoon session were read and approved.

The Moderator introduced to the Association our venerable Brother, Dr. S. M. Osgood, who addressed the body in behalf of the Missionary Union.

Bro. Baker, State Sunday School Missionary, addressed the Association in behalf of the Bible and Publication Society.

After singing Hymn 132, Rev. Dr. Alford preached in accordance with previous arrangements a doctrinal sermon from Galatians, 4th chapter, and part of verse 24:

"Which things are an allegory : for these are the two covenants ;"

The Missionary Committee appointed at last session presented their Report as follows :

"Your Missionary Committee chosen to act through the Associational year, report :

The Committee first met Aug. 29, 1871; upon consultation with Bro. Lewis Raymond, your Committee resolved to employ him for a season on the field at a salary of $100.00 per month, besides his Railroad fare. Bro. Raymond commenced his labors September 14, 1871. He labored six weeks in Campton, preaching 43 sermons, attended 35 prayer-meetings, made 100 religious visits, and traveled 25 miles in this work.

As the results of these labors, christians were greatly strengthened, some backsliders restored and a number of precious souls were converted ; five persons have been baptised, one restored on experience.

Matters stood thus when the great fire in Chicago occurred, and your committee did not deem it wise to further prosecute the work. Bro. Everett and Fisk preached and visited with Bro. Raymond on the field.

Collected on the field by Bro. Fisk,	$31.25
Collected from St. Charles Baptist Church	12.00
" " Dundee " "	25.00
" " Elgin " "	27.00
" " Barrington " "	3 13
" " Woodstock " "	19.75
" " 2nd Baptist Church, Chicago	50.00
Total receipts	$168.13

Paid Bro. L. Raymond for 6 weeks service,	$155.00
" for Stationery and stamps,	1.13
" " other Mission Work on the field,	5.00
Cash on hand,	7.00
Total expenditures,	$168.13

Your Committee would recommend to the attention and sympathy of this Association the Churches of Austin, Norwood Park, and also the fields of Campton and Geneva. In behalf of the Committee,

WM. LAWRENCE.

A resolution was offered, that the report be accepted and adopted.

The following Brethren took part in the discussion of the report, to-wit: Brn. Fox, Fisk, Hultz, Goodspeed, Peat, Hobart, Pennoyer and Burchard.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion, the following Brethren were continued as a Missionary Board of the Chicago Baptist Association, to-wit: Rev'ds. Wm. P. Everett, S. S. Fisk, H. Burchard, Brn. Wm. Lawrence and A. L. Sweet.

Resolved, That the Association request the Missionary Board, to consider at once, the propriety of recommending to the Churches, 1st. To raise $2,500 for "The Illinois Church Edifice Fund," to be loaned to the

Church at Norwood Park and Austin. 2nd. To pay the interest for two or three years, as the best method of assisting the brethren of these places.

On motion,

Resolved, That we hereby tender our most hearty thanks to the Elgin Baptist Church, for their most generous hospitality provided for the entertainment of the Delegates, and we congratulate them upon having secured so beautiful a House in which to worship God, and pray that God's blessing may be poured out upon them, until there shall not be room to hold them.

The Moderator thanked the Association for courtesies extended to him, rendering his duties so pleasant, and expressed his convictions, that the present had been the most interesting and pleasant session that he had ever attended.

The business of the Association being completed, and the hour for adjournment having arrived, after singing the Hymn, commencing

"Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love,"

the benediction was pronounced by Br. S. S. Fisk, and the Association adjourned to meet with the Second Baptist Church of Chicago, the 2nd Wednesday in June, A. D. 1873, at 10½ o'clock A. M.

C. R. BLACKALL, *Moderator*.

R. W. PADELFORD, *Clerk*.

DIGEST

OF

Letters from the Churches.

ANTIOCH.—Some encouraging results during past year; a few have been added to their numbers: have sustained preaching during the year every alternate Sabbath. Their Pastor, Rev. N. F. Hoyt, preaches at Salem on Sabbath afternoons; two prayer meetings each week and covenant meeting faithfully kept up. Death has taken a beloved sister (Huntley) to immortal life.

AUSTIN.—This church was constituted in 1871, and received into the Association at its present session. Have pressed forward steadily: have more than doubled their original numbers; were greatly blessed during the week of prayer and the good spirit still at work in their midst, so that there are always enquiring souls among them. The labors of their Pastor (Rev. A. Blackburn, who was ordained in February last) have been fully indorsed of God; have a flourishing Sabbath School in which all of their membership find some work to do for the Master. Are making an effort to secure a church building.

BARRINGTON.—They still enjoy the labors of their Pastor, Rev. L. A. Alford, D. D. His faithful efforts have been blessed, precious souls have been saved, the church revived and are united in every good word and work. Have procured a bell for their house and made other improvements.

They have been called to mourn the death of three beloved sisters who have gone to their reward above.

BENTON.—This church are still endeavoring to hold up Christ in their community. Rev. R. G. Hall still continues his labors with them, and has the love and esteem of the church; and although no special outpouring of the spirit has been enjoyed, yet the good seed has been faithfully sown, and they look for and expect to see it bear fruit to the honor and glory of God.

BLOOMINGDALE.—The past year with this church has been one of seed-sowing rather than reaping. Rev. E. N. Archibald is their Pastor and has labored faithfully with them and has led the flock as a true under-shepherd. During the winter, meetings were had with the Congregational brethren for some three weeks, including the week of

prayer, and although but few conversions were reported, yet the results were good, the weak were strengthened, and the friends of Jesus united in Christian effort and sympathy. New interests have been awakened by the sending of sister Stevens to the Foreign Field.

CRYSTAL LAKE.—Although not permitted to witness the gracious presence of the Spirit in its converting power, yet have some evidence that God has not altogether forsaken them. Have enjoyed the labors of Rev. J. B. Peat every other Sabbath. Have for the first time in years been called to part with a member by death—a highly esteemed sister (Alvisa Pease) has been called to her Heavenly home.

DUNDEE.—This church during the year have been visited by the converting grace of God. During the winter, in connection with the M. E. church, we labored with harmony and zeal for the salvation of sinners. Many enquiring ones found Christ precious to their souls. Among these were many of the Sabbath School scholars. The efforts of the Ladies Home Society have enabled them to purchase a bell for the church. Connected with this church is an aged mother who has witnessed the snows of 101 winters. Rev. R. A. Shadick, their former Pastor, having resigned, they are now without an under-shepherd. The church have extended to Rev. Bro. Broches, late Pastor at Marengo, a unanimous call to become their Pastor.

DeKALB.—The past year with this church has been one of trials as well as blessings. Have been without preaching most of the time, yet God has visited them in the prayer meetings. Feel to trust in the Lord, and expect to be led into green pastures and beside still waters.

ELGIN.—Most heartily welcome the Association to their homes. Regret that their Pastor is not able to meet and greet the members of the Association, being absent in the East. Dedicated their new church edifice on the 5th of October last. Are glad to be able to offer for the use of the Association their new church home. The prayers of the church have been answered and souls converted. Bro. E. Burnham labored with them some four weeks in January last. The church were quickened and built up. Subsequently Bro. Earl held a Union meeting, which was instrumental of promoting Christian union, and strength was added to all the churches. The past year the Master has been gathering from this church the ripe fruit. Eleven have been removed to the Church triumphant.

GREENWOOD.—Eld. J. Snashall has ministered to this church the most of the past year with great acceptance. Have erected a house of worship at a cost of $3,000, which has been dedicated free of debt. Two of their members, brother and sister Whittier, have labored as Missionaries in the South among the freedmen of New Orleans, La. Have no Pastor at present. Hope to have a permanent Pastor soon.

HARVARD.—This church are few in numbers. Have no meeting-house and have had no preaching the past year. Ask God's people to pray for them.

HUNTLEY.—Amid many discouragements, this Church are trying to hold up the banner of the Cross, are supplied with preaching every Sabbath by Bro. C. S. Dunning, late from England. The Prayer and Covenant Meetings of the Church are sustained.

NEWPORT.—This Church have not been favored with any special work of grace the past year. God has been good to them, and they desire to show their gratitude by increased love and devotion to *Him*. Death has removed one beloved sister. Rev. R. G. Hall still labors with them.

NORWOOD PARK.—This Church are living in devoted christian fellowship; peace, unity and love abound; have the regular preaching of the Gospel every Sabbath, by students from the Chicago University and Seminary. Brn. J. E. Jackson and C. R. Henderson have been their principal supply. Have held their meetings in their District School House, are now making an effort to build a house, and ask a helping hand in their time of need.

MALTA.—This Church feel themselves to be a feeble band, not more than 10 or 12 active members, most of their former members having moved to other places. Unable to support a Pastor, they have had no preaching since last fall. Through the well directed efforts of Br. Rolf, they have been able to keep up a Sabbath School; would greatly rejoice if the Lord of the Harvest would send them a laborer. They are praying "O Lord revive thy work," and ask the prayers of the brethren.

RICHMOND.—The past year has not been one of special outpouring of the Spirit of God. Have been without a Pastor most of the time, but have been supplied by Rev's Cressey, Snashal, Barrell, Smith and others, until recently. On the 1st of May, Rev. L. G. Catchpole became our Pastor; have determined to make another effort to maintain our visibility, and ask God's children to pray for the success of the cause of the Master.

ST. CHARLES.—This Church have received considerable accessions from Campton or Canada Corners, a neighborhood about eight miles west, where their Pastor has devoted considerable labor; more than $1,000 has been subscribed for building a Baptist Meeting House at Canada Corners.

Their Pastor has also labored to some extent at Geneva, where at one time there were strong indications that a Church would be organized. They call the attention of the Association to this promising field for a new interest. The ladies of this Church have formed a Circle, auxiliary to the "Woman's Missionary Society of the West."

SECOND CHICAGO.—The past year has been one of trials in many respects, their Pastor was obliged to relinquish his labors, and seek a foreign clime, in hope of beneficial results to his over taxed frame. The Church secured the services of Rev. Dr. Northrup, from 1st of April to October. Under his ministrations, the Church were edified. Their Pastor returned the 1st of October, without much improvement of health; has been unable to preach much since. The Church unanimously resolved

to procure an associate Pastor, and extended a call to his brother, Rev. T. W. Goodspeed. About this time, the terrible fire which laid waste so large a portion of Chicago occurred, and Br. Goodspeed returned to his field of labor. The Church soon found, that although so many of the Church had lost heavily, and some their all, yet it would not do to let the cause languish. Their much loved Pastor must have help and opportunity to use all means to save his valuable life to the Church and cause. Correspondence with his brother was re-opened, and finally he accepted the call, and commenced his labors on the 1st of July. To this time, but little progress had been made by the Church. The labors of our young Pastor have been crowned with success: the baptismal waters have been troubled, and willing converts putting on Christ; still they mourn, because their elder Pastor is laid aside, as there is work enough for both. Some of their strong towers have been shaken, and they feared that God was about to take them to himself, but the prayers of the Church have been answered, and they still live. Their Sunday School Teachers, Mission School workers, and faithful Missionaries, are all at work, and they feel much encouraged. Death has taken eleven of their number, they are all missed. On the subject of organizing a new association of City Churches, this Church have voted, that in their opinion, it is inexpedient to do so. The Church invite the Association to hold its next Annual Meeting with them.

SOUTH CHICAGO.—The past year has been one of difficulty, but have been able to keep an open door, and can report some progress, and trust in time, this Church will become strong. Rev. E. Ellis, their former Pastor, left them in January last, since that time, they have been supplied by Br. R. Williams, of the Seminary, have made arrangements to secure the services of Rev. R. J. Langridge, of Wisconsin, after 1st July.

WAUKEGAN. Do not report anything of special interest for the past year; have had some indications, but have not received refreshing showers; feel that God is good and true to his promises, and will in due time answer the prayers of this people. Their former Pastor, J. Y. Aitchison, closed his labors with them in January, since that time, have been supplied by Br. C. C. Smith, from Chicago Seminary. A deep religious feeling is manifested, and some are enquiring the way to Christ.

WOODSTOCK. This Church are still living on the promises and believing in the glory to come; trusting not in human weakness, but in Divine strength, they continue to strive for the faith once delivered to the saints. During the past year, nothing has occurred to discourage their confidence in God as their Father, or in Jesus Christ, as the same yesterday, to-day and for ever. Although they have not attained to the standard of spiritual life to which they aspire, yet are able to report progress. Have received on profession of faith quite a number, from the grand parent to the child but just old enough to understand the call of Him who said "Suffer the children to come unto me."

WAUCONDA. This Church, under the efficient labors of their Pas-

tor, Rev. J. L. Brooks, have enjoyed a continued and steady growth in grace. Their Social Meetings have been characterized by encouraging, cheerful manifestations of christian experience. Their members, (especially the young ones,) are workers in the Church. They are gratified to be able to say, that of the 33 baptized last year, not one has receded from the position then taken.

WHEATON. In looking over the the past year, this Church find much to encourage them. Rev. Lewis Raymond was with them the first three months of the Associational year. As the fruits of his labors, ten were added to the Church, and the members were united and encouraged. Rev. A. J. Colby became their Pastor about the 1st of October. Since that time, some mercy drops have fallen, and three have followed Christ in baptism. The Church Debt has been paid, and the Church are contemplating improvements in their house, &c.

WAYNE. The past year with this new interest has been one full of mercy. We started out amid fears at the commencement of the year, yet trusting in the Great Shepherd and Bishop of Souls. Soon Rev. E. N. Archibald, Pastor of the Bloomingdale Church came to their aid; in Feb. they held three weeks' extra meetings, which were very precious, and ten were added to their number. Have a promising Sabbath School, and the Weekly Prayer Meetings are kept up.

MINUTES

OF THE

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

On Tuesday afternoon at 2 p. m., the Convention having assembled in the audience room of the Baptist church at Elgin, was called to order by Dr. C. R. Blackall, by singing and reading I John 4, and then followed prayer by many delegates. At 3 o'clock regular services opened by election of a Secretary, and the Moderator exhibited a map showing the territorial bounds of the Association and the denomination and location of Sabbath Schools therein, showing Kane county to have many and McHenry county few schools.

The reading of the letters from the schools developed the facts shown in the following summary of letters:

SUMMARY OF LETTERS.

NAME.	Organized.	Months Held.	Hour.	MEMBERSHIP. Officers.	Teachers.	Scholars.	Average Attendance.	Ch. M. in S. School.	Teachers' Meetings.	S. S. Prayer Meetings.	S. S. Concerts.	Volumes in Library.	PAPERS TAKEN PER MONTH. Baptist Teacher.	Others.	Young Reaper.	Others.	MONEY RAISED. Home Purposes.	Missions.	State S. S. Work.	RESULTS. Increase.	Conversions	Baptisms.	Minutes to Lesson.	Money for other objects
Antioch	1871	12	12	4	9	85	69	15	.....	.....	mthly	....	1	...	30	95	$ 21 50	$ 1 21	.....	20	1	1	20	.....
Barrington	1859	12	12¼	6	12	101	80	35	w'kly	.....	.....	350	....	....	50	100	70 20	.....	.....	¼	3	3	30	.....
Bloomingdale	1855	12	12¼	4	8	118	70	62	none	none	qrly	278	9	....	40	50	33 70	.....	.....	.....	..	..	10	.....
Dundee	....	12	12	6	16	162	70	96	.....	1	1	268	14	....	100	....	37 01	50 00	.....	.....	25	19	20	.....
DeKalb	1857	12	12	3	9	165	98	....	w'kly	.....	.....	450	....	....	150	200	48 97	.....	.....	.....	..	..	30	.....
Elgin	1838	12	12	9	25	322	26	....	2 wks	.....	4	....	20	250	50	100	289 52	112 0	.....	.....	1	9	45	.....
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Malta	1867	12	12½	2	10	75	65	19	.....	.....	6pr yr	150	1	....	62	60	30 00	.....	.....	18	..	..	30	.....
Norwood Park	1869	12	10	4	6	69	55	24	none	none	none	320	....	20	50	25	75 00	.....	.....	10	3	3	30	.....
Richmond	1866	12	12	4	6	45	43	20	.....	.....	qrly	75	7	....	40	40	10 00	.....	.....	.....	..	..	25	.....
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Waukegan	....	12	12	6	14	170	103	35	w'kly	none	6pr yr	670	10	....	15	100	100 00	40 00	.....	none	1	1	25	.....
Woodstock	1852	12	12	3	11	110	90	60	w'kly	none	none	375	20	....	100	....	91 00	100 00	.....	none	9	8	29	.....
Wheaton	1868	12	12	4	7	80	50	35	.....	.....	.....	150	8	12	90	130	175 65	.....	1 50	10	7	6	25	.....
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No Letter from Benton, Crystal Lake, Huntley Grove, Harvard, Liberty, Newport, Wauconda, and Wayne.
Verbal reports from Benton, Newport, and Wayne.
*Austin letter, and letters from Second Baptist S. S. of St. Charles. (colored,) Union Band Bible Class, and Union Band Mission School of the Second Baptist Church of Chicago, read by request.

A general consultation was then held on the following subjects: 1st, Length of time devoted to the lesson; 2d, Modes of increasing attendance: 3d, Attendance of scholars at regular church services. The opinion that a large proportion of the children did attend church services, seemed to prevail.

4th, Whether sermons benefitted the children.

5th, Teachers' meetings. A member of the Fox River Association had found six modes of conducting Teachers' meetings that failed. He now called them Bible meetings and invited all to come, and assigned verses to different persons for explanation and this has succeeded and increased the School. He believed it good policy to specially *invite* persons to attend the School and the meetings. It was

Resolved, That visiting brethren from other Associations be invited to join with us in our deliberations.

And it being done, Rev. D. S. Clouse, Pastor at Plainfield, and Rev. D. K. Hopps, at Batavia, of the Fox River Association, handed in their names.

After singing, the Benediction was pronounced by Rev. T. W. Goodspeed and the Convention adjourned until 8 p. m.

EVENING SESSION

Opened by singing "His Loving Kindness," and reading Matt. 20. Prayer by Rev. A. Blackburn, and singing: "Who'll be the next to follow Jesus?" Theme of the evening: "Our Work in the Sunday School." An address by Bro. Mabie on "Our Work in the Family."

He said the family could do a three fold work: 1st, Preparation; 2d, Prosecution; 3d, Completion. 1st, Prepare child to study lesson; 2d, Parent should be in the School and prosecute the work; should consider himself and teacher as in partnership for the child's interests, and should therefore secure a good partner; 3d, Parents should complete and crown the work by their parental influence.

Singing, "Something for Jesus."

An address by Bro. J. C. Baker on "Our Work in the Church." He said the Church work was foundation work. Children get their type of character here. Church should support the School by prayer and money.

Singing, "Urge them to come."

An address on "Our S. S. work in the School," by Bro. T. F. Borchers. Alluded to the general repugnancy of the scholar to parental conversation about Jesus, but this was not so with the S. S. teacher; means teach not only that there is a heaven but that the entrance is God; we must have power with God and man, social power with men: a hearty shake of the hands gives power; teacher must induce the scholar to think.

Remarks by Aunt Lizzie Aiken in regard to her love of the Church and Sunday School.

Singing, "Tell Me the Old, Old Story."

Adjourned to 8:30 a. m.

MORNING SESSION, JUNE 12, 1872.

Devotional exercises from 8:30 to 9, led by Bro. Hall.

On motion, collection taken for minutes of $8.36.

On motion, Wm. H. Holden, Rev. A. Blackburn and Supt. of 2d church of Chicago S. S. appointed Committee of Arrangements for next Convention.

Singing, "Blessed are the faithful servants."

Remarks on the results of our work by the Moderator, Bro. Fox, Bro. Alford, Bro. Blackburn, Bro. Sutcliff, Aunt Lizzie, Bro. Baker, and others.

Singing, "Praise God."

And adjourned, after the Benediction.

C. R. BLACKALL, *Moderator.*

WM. H. HOLDEN, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

The Committee appointed at the last session for the arrangement of business for this session, reported—

That the Association convene at the usual hour and proceed to business as follows:

10:30 1 Annual Sermon, Rev. R. A. Shadick.
2. Organization.
3. Reading of Letter from the Elgin Church.

AFTERNOON.—1:30 Devotional Exercises.
2:00 Reading of Letters, followed by discussion of points therein contained.

EVENING.—7:45 Sermon, Rev. T. W. Goodspeed,—"Ministerial Education."

THURSDAY.

MORNING.—8:30 Devotional Exercises.
9.00 1. Miscellaneous Business.
2. Foreign Missions.
3. Home Missions.
4. Bible and Publication Society.
11:00 Doctrinal Sermon, Rev. L. A. Alford.

AFTERNOON.—1:30 Devotional Exercises.
1:45 1. Miscellaneous Business.
2. Free Religious Conference.
3:45 Adjourn.

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DATE.	WHERE MET.	MODERATOR, CLERK.	ANNUAL SERMON, PREACHER AND TEXT.
1847	Dundee.....	J. E. Ambrose, R. W. Padelford.	W. H. Rice, Isaiah iii. 1.
1848	Tabernacle,.....	A. J. Joslyn, R. W. Padelford.	Warham Walker, Isaiah xxi. 11, 12
1849	Libertyville.....	Warham Walker, R. W. Padelford.	A. J. Joslyn, Acts xiii. 1, 3.
1850	Elgin,.....	Peter Freeman, R. W. Padelford.	R. R. Whittier, Ephesians vi. 17.
1851	Woodstock,.....	P. Taylor, R. W. Padelford.	Peter Freeman, John xvii. 20, 21.
1852	Waukegan,.....	Lewis Raymond, R. W. Padelford.	P. Taylor, Proverbs iv. 20.
1853	Bloomingdale,.....		C. Button.
1854	Dundee,.....	A. J. Joslyn, R. W. Padelford.	Niles Kinney, Hebrews iv, 12.
1855	St. Charles,.....	A. Kenyon, R. W. Padelford.	Henry Shute, Revelation xi, 3.
1856	Tabernacle, Chicago,	A. J. Joslyn, R. W. Padelford.	J. H. Worrell, Acts x, 25, 26.
1857	Elgin,.....	A. J. Joslyn, E. Owen.	S. F. Stimpson, Eph. iii, 8, 9, 10.
1858	Crystal Lake,.....	P. Taylor, R. W. Padelford.	John Simmons, 1 Cor. iii, 6, 7.
1859	Bloomingdale,.....	Thomas Kerr, R. W. Padelford.	Thomas Kerr.
1860	Barrington,.....	H. K. Greene, R. W. Padelford.	Levi Parmley, Amos v, 8,
1861	Woodstock,.....	N. Colver, R. W. Padelford.	John Young, Hebrews ix, 12.
1862	Elgin,.....	C. N. Holden, R. W. Padelford.	Joel Wheeler, Luke ix, 67.
1863	Tabernacle,.....	N. Colver, R. W. Padelford.	A J. Joslyn, Hebrews xi, 4.
1864	St. Charles,.....	N. Colver, R. W. Padelford.	W. B. Smith, Titus i, 5.
1865	DeKalb,.....	C. K. Colver, R. W. Padelford.	Jonas Woodward, 3 John, part 8.
1866	Dundee,.....	E. J. Goodspeed, R. W. Padelford.	E. J. Goodspeed, Romans xiv, 7, 8.
1867	Richmond,.....	C. N. Holden, R. W. Padelford.	C. K. Colver, Ephesians iv, 3.
1868	Woodstock,.....	D. Matlock, R. W. Padelford.	J. Delaney, Zacharia xiii, 7.
1869	Waukegan,.....	Wm. P. Everett, R. W. Padelford.	E. J, Goodspeed, Acts ix, 31.
1870	Wheaton,.....	Wm. P. Everett, R. W. Padel ord.	D. Rickerson, Romans i, 16.
1871	DeKalb,.....	C. R. Blackall, R. W. Padelford.	Wm. P. Everett, 1 Cor. ii, 12; 2 Cor. iv, 13.
1872	Elgin, ...	C. R. Blackall, R. W. Padel ord.	R. A. Shadick. Deut. xii, part 23.

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